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Applicants: Patrice DEBREGEAS *et al.*
Title: GRANULES CONTAINING A PLANT SUBSTANCE AND PROCESS
FOR PREPARING THEM
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REPLY AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a reply to the Office communication mailed June 3, 2002, in the above-captioned patent application. A response is due on October 3, 2002, by virtue of the attached Petition for Extension of Time and payment of the required fees. Although Applicants believe the amount of the attached check is correct, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or to charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Prior to reconsideration, Applicants request that the Office enter the following amendments.

In the Claims:

1. (Thrice Amended) Granules containing at least one plant substance, comprising a neutral core having a particle size of between 200 and 1600 μm coated with a layer containing the plant substance combined with a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.